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REMARKS

Claims 1-16 and 27 are currently pending in the subject application and are presently under consideration. Pursuant to a teleconference with the Examiner on April 28, 2005, applicants' representative has agreed to withdraw the Appeal in consideration for allowance of the application by amending the independent claims to recite the limitations of claims 3 and 4. Claims 1, 8 and 27 have been so amended. Claims 17-26 and 28-29, which were subject to a previous restriction requirement, are canceled and will be pursued in divisional applications. Accordingly, applicants' representative respectfully requests allowance of the subject claims.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited. In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTPP250US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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